

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT District Attorney Victim/Witness Division	(2) MEETING DATE June 13, 2006	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Marie Absey, Director Victim/Witness Division 781-5822	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve and sign a grant agreement <i>Clerk's File</i> with the State of California, Office of Emergency Services to fund the continuing administration of a Victim/Witness Elder Abuse and Outreach Project for the grant period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.			
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST The District Attorney's Office requests approval of a grant agreement with the State for grant funds made available through the State Office of Emergency Services for the continuing administration of a Victim/Witness Elder Abuse and Outreach Project for the grant period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. The grant award amount is \$105,000 with a county match of \$26,250 for a total Project cost of \$131,250. Resolutions are no longer required by the State as the resolution is incorporated into the Certification of Assurance of Compliance that is signed by the Board Chairperson upon grant approval.			
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that our Board approve and sign a grant agreement authorizing the District Attorney's Office to enter into a grant award with the State Office of Emergency Services for the continuing administration of a Victim/Witness Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Project from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. It is also recommended that the Chairperson sign the Certification of Assurance of Compliance as required by the State.			
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) State/Federal	(8) CURRENT YEAR COST \$105,000 (grant) \$26,250 (co.match) \$131,250 (Total)	(9) ANNUAL COST \$131,250 (\$105,000 grant and \$26,250 match)	(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): County Counsel has reviewed and approved this grant agreement.			
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____			
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All		(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)		(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____		(21) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	(22) Agenda Item History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date _____
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>ok Kim F. Morris</i>			

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**County of San Luis Obispo**



**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Gerald T. Shea, District Attorney

**DATE:** June 13, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Request to approve and sign a grant agreement with the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, to fund the continuing administration of a Victim/Witness Elder Abuse and Outreach Project for the grant period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

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**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that our Board approve and sign the grant award agreement authorizing the District Attorney's Office to enter into a grant with the State Office of Emergency Services for the continuing administration of a Victim Witness Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Project from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. To satisfy state grant requirements, it also is recommended that the Chairperson sign the Certification of Assurance of Compliance.

**Discussion:**

The primary goal of the Victim Witness Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Project (EAAOP) is to enhance the safety of elder and dependent adults in California by establishing funded victim advocacy positions under the administrative authority of a criminal justice agency to provide services to elder victims of crime, coordinate direct services in an enhanced response to allegations of elder abuse among locally involved agencies and implement an outreach awareness program for reporters of elder abuse and criminal justice personnel, senior citizens and the public.

The original grant for the EAAOP was approved by our Board in FY99-00 for three years of funding. Continuation funding was made available in subsequent years and our Board approved that continued funding. This year's grant award of \$105,000 with a \$26,250 county match for a total Project cost of \$131,250 is the final year of a multi-year grant award and funds two part-time Victim Witness Coordinator positions. To satisfy state grant requirements, it is necessary to approve and sign a state grant award agreement that continues the multi-year grant and a Certification of Assurance of Compliance. No resolution is required as the state has incorporated the resolution into the Certification of Assurance of Compliance.

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### **Other Agency Involvement/Impact:**

The County Counsel has reviewed and approved this agreement for form and legal effect, and it has been reviewed by the Administrative Office. Numerous public and private agencies and groups have entered into operational agreements with the EAAOP and collaborate with Project staff on programs and activities, including the current revision of the county's protocol for incidents involving elders and dependent adults.

### **Financial Considerations:**

Under the terms of this 12-month grant award, \$105,000 is available again from the state, not including the county's \$26,250 match for a project total of \$131,250. Like last year, intern temporary help hours and supervisor hours will be used for the match with county general funds but no increase in net county cost. The \$105,000 grant award for October 1, 2006- September 30, 2007 is the final year of a multi-year grant. The grant award for this project in 2004-2005 was also \$105,000, with a county match of \$20,308 for a project total of \$125,308. Last year's grant amount and match were the same as this year's grant. The increased match amount the past two years is due to the state's use of mixed federal funding sources with different match requirements. The division's approved budget for FY06-07 includes the \$105,000 revenue from the state.

### **Results:**

During the 2004-2005 grant year (October 1, 2004– September 30, 2005), 242 new elderly and dependent adult crime victims of crime received services, 12% more than the grant projection and a 50% increase over the prior year. An additional 61 family members were assisted by Project staff in cases involving seniors or dependent adults. At mid-year during the current grant cycle, the Project is on target to meet or exceed projections for services to new victims. Of victims in pending criminal cases served by the Project last year, 51 of 77, or 66% were contacted by advocates within 8 business days of the cases being charged for prosecution. While this figure is lower than projected due to several uncontrollable factors, the majority of victims are contacted well within 8 days to help reduce the negative effects of crime. This measure relates to County Goal #1, "to reduce the effects of crime on victims, family members, and the community", and to provide a community-wide result link, "a safe community; a well-governed community".

For this grant period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007, we have grant objectives similar to last year and have reassigned experienced and trained grant personnel to ensure success. With the recent development of a criminal case tracking report, we are now able to compare victims we serve against pending criminal cases to help identify gaps in service and more effectively serve this vulnerable population.